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WITHIN THE WEEK

Sessions now being held by a joint committee of the House and Senate on pending labor legislation must be counted among the most important and significant meetings of the present Congress. They are important to management. They are important to labor. And they are doubly important to the rest of us who may, for yrs to come, suffer the consequences of an ill-considered or vindictive decision.

Thru virtually the entire history of our nation we have found management at the controls. Even in our agrarian days, the "hired hand" occupied a subservient position. Management has little of which to boast in its 150-yr record. In gen'l the leadership was blind; sometimes it was stupid; not infrequently it was oppressive.

Then, 15 yrs ago, the picture changed. Quite abruptly the positions have reversed. Labor became ascendant. And sometimes it has seemed to those of us on the sidelines that avaristic and opportunistic labor leaders have sought to wreck, in a decade and a half, all that management has built in a century and a half.

The conviction spread, even amongst labor's staunch supporters, that its heedless leadership would have to be curbed. Republicans, coming into power in an "off" election yr, set out to follow the public mandate by shaping a bill that would "put labor in its place."

But it is historically difficult for sound, constructive legislation to be enacted when one party has nominal control of the Congress and the opposition holds the White House. The shadow of the veto clouds every deliberate action. It has been so in this instance. The Democratic party is dedicated to labor leniency. Its success at the polls is dependent upon the labor vote in urban centers. It was and is obvious that Pres TRUMAN must veto any legislation that imposes strong curbs upon labor.

At one time, no doubt, the unspoken strategy of the Republicans was to confront Mr TRUMAN with a bill so repressive that he could have no alternative but to exercise his veto powers. Republicans could then blame on the chief exec the failure to enact a labor bill. Now, in joint session, Congressional leaders appear to be more concerned with putting thru a moderate measure which the President may be pressured into signing, or which he may permit to become law without his signature. And there remains, of course, the possibility of overriding a veto should it occur. Strong support given the Senate version of the bill strengthens Republican hopes on this score. Meanwhile, the public, as usual, is watching and waiting—hoping that the final result may bring about at least a period of nominal peace in the industrial field.



SHIFTING SANDS

With competitive conditions clearly in the offing, business houses of all types are reconditioning sales forces. Purveyors of selling aids, aptitude tests for salesmen, etc, report unprecedented activity... Britain's food shortage, chronically acute, threatens, in opinion of some observers to become catastrophic in a matter of mo's. Ironically, Britons who cut down on smoking due to cost (pkg of cigarettes, 68¢) find appetites whetted with little to satisfy hunger... There's an art, it seems, even in giving something away for free. Proctor & Gamble, introducing new radio show with awards totaling \$70,000, employed Gallup poll people to find what public wants most. Preferences in order: homes, autos, home appliances... With the new labor bill now up to Pres TRUMAN, labor is organizing to test the effectiveness of letter-writing technique. Plan is to put "millions of letters" on chief exec's desk, urging veto. They will go by Air Mail Special Dely.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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QUIGG NEWTON, Denver, Colo, att'y: "There are two ways of approaching the problems of tomorrow. One is to cross your fingers and hope and the other is to roll up your sleeves and plan." 1-Q

HENRY FORD II: "All of us will be better off when we can pay a man \$5 an hr because he produces \$5 worth of effort than when we try to pay him \$1.50 an hr for 75¢ worth of effort." 2-Q

Premier SHIGERU YOSHIDA, of Japan, expressing gratitude for recent restoration of nat'l flag by Gen'l DOUGLAS McARTHUR: "Restoration of the nat'l flag to the Japanese people at this historic moment is most fitting and shall spur them on to new and higher efforts to become a truly democratic and peaceful nation." 3-Q

MONTY WOOLLEY, film actor, acidly refuting rumors that he has one foot in pine box: "The doctors hold no hope for immediate death." 4-Q

HELEN MONSELL, noted author of children's books, answering query "What tempted you to write?": "No one is 'tempted' to write. They become so interested that they cannot help but do it." 5-Q

EDMUND SAUVAGE, of Paris, visiting in U S: "When you ride in a Paris subway, within 5 min's you at least smile at (a French girl) and she smiles back at you. But American women are more reserved and colder." 6-Q

Sen BRIEN McMAHON, of Conn: "I feel certain that Russia's progress in making the A-bomb has outstripped our progress in getting her to agree to its control." 7-Q

Dr MAGDALENE E KRAMER, speech dep't head at Teachers College, Columbia Univ: "Women may not actually talk much, but most women do not know how to talk, making it seem too much. Their high-pitched, thin, shrill voices are objectionable." (Quoted by URSULA Thow, *American Wkly.*) 8-Q

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FIGIELLO H LaGUARDIA: "Reduction in prices will not come from Main St but from Wall St." 9-Q

Dr ROBT M HUTCHINS, Chancellor of Univ of Chicago, after 3-wk visit in Great Britain: "The pictures we have at home are of storms and coal shortages and threats of everything else. One comes to this country and the situation is found to be surprisingly good." 10-Q

Rev THEO C SPEERS: "If we do not know what our fathers fought for and why they fought for it, and if we do not invest that achievement by applying it afresh to some new problem today, then did our fathers fight in vain, and no matter how great or rich our heritage, it is no longer ours. It has been lost to us." 11-Q

Dr FRANKLIN BICKNELL, writing in *Medical Jnl*: "Everyone in England is suffering from prolonged chronic malnutrition." 12-Q

DENIS IRELAND, of Belfast, author and journalist now touring U S to promote friendship for an unpartitioned Irish nation: "I fought against German imperialism in Europe. I cannot condone British imperialism in Ireland." 13-Q

Dr C CHAS BURLINGAME, pres of Inst of Living, warning U S is developing "nat'l schizophrenic personality": "On one side we as a nation are extolling the need for love and light and philanthropic kindness around the world, while on the other side we, as individuals,

are basing our entire existence on the precept of 'What do I get out of it?'" 14-Q

Dr HUGO ECKENER, 72-yr-old German airship bldr: "When Hitler came into power, he was 90% fool and 10% criminal, but when he ended, he was 10% fool and 90% criminal." 15-Q

HENRY MORGAN, radio comedian: "Because of inflation, a stitch in time now saves only six." 16-Q

Dr HORACE MANN BOND, pres of Lincoln Univ, Oxford, Pa: "I stake my hopes for the future on American—and only on American—principles...What minorities and majorities in the world today need are principles, not ideologies." 17-Q

Prof LOWRY NELSON, Univ of Minn rural sociologist, asserting migration from rural areas is no argument against rural high school education: "The fact is that young people have had to migrate in large numbers from the farms of the U S for the past 50 yrs. It is much better that they migrate with, than without, a high school education." 18-Q

Mrs JAN PEECE, wife of the great Metropolitan tenor: "The trouble with a lot of housewives is they've got the a-woman's-work-is-never-done complex. If women would only stop to think a little about their household chores and organize them in a truly logical and business like way, they would have even better 'office' hrs than their husbands." 19-Q

Group of Mass booksellers and librarians, in letter to American Book Publishers Council: "We believe that legal censorship of literature, as distinct from pornography, is usually futile, and that in the long run the only satisfactory and effective regulation of literature results from education and public opinion. But we believe, also, that decency and good taste are important, and that while frankness may at times be permissible, unneces-

sary frankness, coarseness, and vulgarity are offensive and produce a reaction which is liable to lead to stringent legal censorship." 20-Q

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HENRY TREFFLICH, owner of NY's largest pet shop, describing a favorite customer who dressed her chimpanzee in baby clothes and wheeled him in Central Park in a baby carriage: "She used to have a wonderful time when nice old ladies asked to see her baby." 21-Q

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ROB'T S KERR, former gov of Okla, addressing Southern Baptist Foundation, of which he is a director: "In whatever time man has inhabited the earth he has made amazing progress in logic, literature, history, philosophy and science. But man's nature has not changed. He cannot have a Christian citizenship without the teaching of the Bible." 22-Q

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CLEM MCCARTHY, widely known sports announcer, after reporting wrong horse as Preakness winner to radio audience: "I struck out; even Babe Ruth struck out sometimes." 23-Q

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JOHN L LEWIS, labor leader: "It is necessary to cope with the economic and social ills of this country first before you can remedy the conditions that lead to strikes. What we need is an adjustment of living costs and wages instead of an anti-strike bill." 24-Q

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MRS FREDERICK G MURRAY, 72, Cedar Rapids, Ia, chosen American Mother of '47 by American Mothers' Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation: "In this age science is not the keynote. It is, rather, human relations." 25-Q

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SAM'L HYDER, of Pawtucket, Mass, recently arrested, assessed \$4.60 for guffawing loudly in downtown section, "creating a disturbance when there's nothing to laugh about":

"I'm happy. I like to laugh. I don't hurt anybody." 26-Q

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CHAS STURTEVANT, Tulare, Calif, cattleman who recently drilled for water on ranch, struck oil instead: "We'll shut it off and try another spot. All I want is a water well." 27-Q

On the Other Hand...

CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture: "Continued high consumption, good wages and reasonable exports will keep farmers and ranchmen prosperous." 28-Q

ED O'NEAL, pres of American Farm Bureau Federation: "It's folly to assume there'll be no future surplus in farm products." 29-Q

HAROLD LLOYD, film comedian, who will soon observe silver wedding anniv: "If there is a rule for married happiness for anyone it should be 'rear a family.'" 30-Q

DOROTHY THOMPSON, newspaper columnist and lecturer: "Communists are not a party but a criminal conspiracy." 31-Q

RABBI ABRAHAM I JACOBSON, of Haverhill, Mass, requesting removal of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" from list of required reading for local high school students: "The character of Shylock is an exaggerated distortion of Jewish attitudes and conduct." (The school complied.) 32-Q

JAS A FARLEY, former Democratic Nat'l Committee chairman, after a half hr chat with Pres TRUMAN: "Believe it or not we didn't say a single word about politics. We discussed world conditions—you can cover everything in that." 33-Q

JOHN WEBSTER SPARGO, prof of English, Northwestern Univ, predicting that all U S residents eventually will talk like midwesterners: "Persons from the midwest go in great numbers to other sections of the country to take up residence, establish businesses or for extended vacations. Instead of adopting the regional accents of the states to which they migrate, they impose their own type of speech." 34-Q

WM GREEN, pres, AFofL: "We must refrain from causing any interruption of production, because it alone can save us." 35-Q

GEO BERNARD SHAW, refusing park officials permission to rename Dublin's Dalkey Hill "Bernard Shaw Hill": "Not only would that be a clumsy, ugly title, but out of the question because the men of Ireland are mortal and temporal, and her hills eternal." 36-Q

EUGENE D WILLIAMS, special ass't to U S Att'y Gen'l at Japanese war trials: "Japanese appear to be co-operative and friendly, but that doesn't mean that they love us. It simply means they are doing what their rulers tell them to do." 37-Q

HAROLD E STASSEN, Republican candidate for presidential nomination in '48: "The administration has shown plenty of willingness to let the Republicans in on the crash landings of its foreign policy, but it is still reluctant to let us in on the take-offs." 38-Q

Maj-Gen'l CURTIS E LEMAY, Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, asserting U S was "at least 10 yrs behind in basic aircraft research" when Japan surrendered: "Even with the knowledge gained from captured German documents and from co-operating German scientists, America is still 5 to 10 yrs behind." 39-Q

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A Flower

For Each Grave

The Civil War was over, but the news brought little joy to the sleepy town of Columbus, Miss. Of the hundreds of men who had marched away, only a few ret'd. But this was a time for work, not tears.

Columbus had stood in the path of bloody campaigns, and the dead must be given a last resting place. Soon the cemetery held hundreds of Confederate soldiers and some 40 men who had worn the Blue.

One spring day in the late '60's, 3 young women of Columbus, their arms full of flowers, began to tend the graves of husbands and sweethearts. One day they invited the young widow of a Confederate soldier to join them.

As her 3 companions knelt to place their bouques, the widow stood erect, gazing over the other bare and forlorn graves. What a pity that these should be forgotten!

"Why don't we break our bouquets and place a flower on each grave?" she suggested. The women hesitated—then quietly untangled the bouquets and placed a blossom on each mound.

Soon thereafter, Columbus saw an unusual procession: a long line of young women in white and matrons in mourning, arms heaped with flowers, walking to pay homage to their country's dead. And that day, for the 1st time, every grave rec'd a floral tribute.

The ceremony became a yrlly custom, then spread to other towns and cities. And thus was born one of our great traditions—the solemn ceremony of Memorial Day.—*Coronet.*

ADVERTISING—1

At a business convention an anti-adv speaker spied Chas C Parlin, then head of Curtis Publishing Co's commercial research, in his audience. The speaker held a copy of the *Sat Eve Post*, opened it to an adv page, and said, "Mr Parlin, will you stand up and tell the audience how much the advertiser paid for this page?" "Gladly," said Mr Parlin. "The advertiser paid ¼ of 1¢. We furnished the paper, did the printing, paid the postage, and gave our assurance of believability—all for ¼ of 1¢." But that wasn't what the speaker wanted. How much had the advertiser paid for the whole adv? "Oh," said Mr Parlin, "you want to know how much he paid for 3 million pages like that? He paid 3 million times ¼ of 1¢."—*Dividends.*

ARGUMENT—2

No matter what side of an argument an intelligent man gets on, he always finds some people with him he wishes were on the other side.—*Advertiser's Digest.*

BUSINESS—3

If you will look at the word "business" you will find "U" and "I" are in it. In fact, if "U" and "I" were left out it wouldn't be "business." Therefore, if there is to be any such thing as "business" we must keep "U" and "I" in it. Furthermore, "U" comes before "I" which might be interpreted to mean that each must think of the other. If that is done "business" should become harmonious and mutually profitable — *Gilcrafter, hm, Gilbert Paper Co, Menasha, Wis.*

CHILDREN—Education—4

One of my childhood playmates had the misfortune to have his parents decide to separate. As a consequence he was able to visit his father, to whom he was very attached, only once a wk. The little boy was heartbroken about the sudden change in his life. "Why don't you live with Mummy and me any more?" he asked reproachfully. "Is she bad?"

The father took the son by the hand and led him to the piano. There he pressed a key. "Sounds nice and clear, doesn't it?" he queried. Then he struck an adjoining key. "Just as nice, isn't

it? Now listen to them when I press both at once. They don't sound very well together, do they? Well, it is the same with people like Mummy and me. Each may be good and nice by himself, but together they don't get along."

My little friend understood and was satisfied that he could still love both parents, even tho they were separated.—*GEO KOESER, Better Homes & Gardens.*

CIVILIZATION—5

Arnold J Toynbee, the English historian, says that there are 7 different civilizations flourishing in this one world today: Modern Western; Orthodox Christian; Orthodox Christian, Russian branch; Far Eastern; Far Eastern in Japan; Hindu; and Islamic. Sixteen others, once alive, have disappeared.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher.*

CONCENTRATION—Lack—6

One of those conferences had been called, forcing a doz men to drop tasks that had to be done. After a preliminary skirmish, the chairman poured out words for 10 min's until he was interrupted by a phone call so important that it had to be put thru. This consumed a good 4 min's. At the conclusion he asked, "What was I talking about a min ago?"

Not one could answer.—*Rotarylly Yours, Jamestown, N Y.*

DEPRESSION—7

Some people think of the depression as the good old days when there was only a shortage of money.—*Westerner.*

DISCIPLINE—8

Strict parent: one who No's, best.—*MAURICE SEITTER, Catholic Digest.*

DIVORCE—9

A rich lady complained to a friend when she ret'd from her 5th divorce in Reno: "What is the use of leading such a dog's life. How I envy the happier lot of the poor girls, who can't afford to get divorced more than once or twice at most in their whole lives."—*Fillers.*

DRINK—Drinking—10

Commerce Dep't reports Americans spent more for alcoholic beverages last yr than in any other yr in history. Total liquor, wine and beer bill of American consumers was \$8,770,000,000 last yr, compared

with \$7,850,000,000 in '45 and \$2,003,000,000 for repeal yr of '34.—*U P Dispatch.*

They DO Say . . .

JAS J SKELLY, pres of American Road Bldr's Ass'n, estimates average passenger car owner used 651 gal of gas, drove 9,765 mi's during '46 . . . Czechoslovakia is erecting monument to the "Unknown Child" in memory of children who met death in Lidice, in concentration camps and other such places during World War II . . . Most recent note of inconsistency from movie industry: *Green Grass of Wyoming* will be filmed in Ohio, Utah . . . Tho there are 16,336 children in schools for deaf, only 47 persons are now training to teach them . . . Latest Congressional Directory lists 23 mbrs as publishers, or ex-publishers, and 16 as former newspaper or radio writers. But legal profession still holds sway. Stan Fisher points out that you can reach any senator in Washington by marking envelope "S O B"—which, of course, stands for Senate Office Bldg.

EXCUSE—11

A Negro preacher in the South made a shrewd statement concerning excuses. "Excuses," said he, "am de skin ob de truff stuffed wid a lie."—EDMOND M KERLIN, *Tele-scope-Messenger*.

FARM—Income—12

The farmer's income has risen from an average of \$735 per farm in '39 to \$2,250 in '45. Today, the average farmer has \$2.50 worth of cash assets for every dollar he owes. In '39, he owed \$2 for every dollar he had. Gross farm income . . . topped \$27 billion in '46. With domestic and foreign demand for food bound to continue high, farm income is likely to stay substantially above prewar levels.—*Modern Industry*.

HONESTY—13

On one occasion before turning in a test paper, one of my boys called my att'n to a question at the top of the page and urged, "Count that wrong. Someone told me the answer to that."

Noticing how painstakingly he

had filled in the complete answer, I asked, "If you were going to tell me to count it wrong, why did you write it out in the 1st place?"

He grinned sheepishly. "It looked sorta bare up there," he explained.—DOROTHY SLADE, *N C Education*.

LEADERSHIP—14

The health of a democratic society may best be measured by the quality and quantity of the volunteer leadership which it produces.—*Work With Youth*.

MAN—Average—15

Bishop G Bromley Oxnam, pres of the Federal Council of Churches, made a speech in which he discussed the average man. He insisted that there is no average man whose hopes and problems fit into a common niche. To illustrate his meaning, he told of the Army selecting 12,000 men and measuring the size of their shoes. The sizes averaged 9. "And yet," noted the Bishop, "if the Army then issued size 9 shoes to all soldiers, our infantry would have been unable to march." — ELIAS LIEBERMAN, *High Points*.

NATURE—Example—16

There would be no strife in mankind if humans would take the lesson from nature herself. The world was made round with the thought that in a complete circle no one is 1st.—HARRY HERSHFELD, at recent dedication of the McCosker-Hershfield Cardiac Home, N Y.

OBSERVATION—17

Ex-Gov Harold Hoffman of N J believes the most observant person he knew was the historian who noticed that Lady Godiva had a horse with her. — HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

ORIGIN—"Foolscap"—18

Oliver Cromwell replaced the royal watermark of Chas I of England with a fool's cap, because of his contempt for the crown. Certain sizes of paper have been known as "foolscap" ever since.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

PERSONALITY—19

Personality is something a man has which makes you look up to him *after* you have met him.—O A BATTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly*.



CONFIDENTIALLY THRU A MEGAPHONE

In 1868 a group of insurance exec's got together to work out and adopt a mortality table for their mutual guidance in assessing rates on new insurance. On Jan 1, 1948 — 80 yrs later—this table will be replaced by a new one known as *The 1941 Commissioners' Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality*. It reflects the actual life and death experience of policy-holders of virtually all life insurance co's between 1930-1940.

A shift in death rates is chiefly responsible for the altered basis of calculating risks. Under the old table, a child at 1 yr of age had a life expectancy of 48.94 yrs. New table increases this to 63.76 yrs.

At age 20, the old table gave an individual 42.20 add'l yrs. The new table allows him 46.54 more yrs. And the trend of better life expectancy continues further. On the old basis, it was reckoned that 98 of every 1000 policyholders died at age 40. New basis allots 62 deaths.

While the new table will in no way affect rates on insurance policies now in effect, it will provide an altered basis for calculating values. The cost of policies at certain age levels will be lowered, but according to the Institute of Life Insurance, the total cost to the policyholder will be about the same.

A basic change which you may anticipate after Jan 1 will be a decrease in the rate of interest guaranteed in new life ins policies. Under present conditions ret'n on investments has declined sharply—from an estimated 4½% in '30 to approx 3% today. As a result, the companies naturally want to lower their guarantee. A decreased interest rate, of course, has no effect on what policyholders pay as premiums. This is determined by mortality experience of company writing the policy.



AUTOMOBILE—Appliances: Air bulb attached to car fender warns driver when fender is about to touch curbing, wall or adjacent car. Air pressure created within squeeze bulb works simple electric switch, causing warning signal. (*Science Service*)

AVIATION: Newly developed mat's now make it possible for pilots to do sky writing in color. (*Omaha World-Herald*)

HANDICAP AIDS: Invented by a Calif engineer, electric arms may prove boon to amputees. Tiny electric motors, cables, and gears duplicate muscles of arm, hand, and fingers, enabling amputee to do much more than with other prosthetics. (*RN, Jnl for Nurses*)

INVENTIONS: Ice-vending machines that offer 7½ lbs of freshly made cubes for 25¢ will soon appear in hotels, ap't houses. (*Capper's Wkly.*)

OFFICE APPLIANCES: War-developed by German inventor is typewriter which takes dictation. Details, in possession of Army Signal Corps, remain military secret. Basic idea, presumably, is that specific sound sets up electric impulse which presses corresponding key. (*Townsend Nat'l Wkly*)

PRODUCTS: New synthetic sheeting designed especially for hospital use has one side slightly roughened to resist slipping and creeping; other side has glossy finish to facilitate cleaning. (*B F Goodrich*)

TELEVISION: N J co is making small television receivers available for home use at no initial cost to subscribers. Payment is made by feeding coin meter 50¢ for each half hr of operation. (*Scholastic*)

PRAYER—20

Alexandre Dumas once requested the prayers of his old teacher. "My prayers?" said the abbe. "You don't believe in them."

"No, I don't always believe in them. That is very true; but don't worry; when I need them I will believe in them."—*GAMALIEL BRADFORD, A Naturalist of Souls.* (Houghton, Mifflin)

PREJUDICE—21

Prejudice is not held against people because they have evil qualities. Evil qualities are imputed to people because prejudices are held against them. — *MARSHALL WINGFIELD*, pres, Memphis Council of Churches.

RACE—22

Rabbi Cohen ranks among the most respected citizens of Tex. He has devoted his life to aiding ailing humans who are too poor to afford decent medical care. He carries on his good deeds without regard for race or creed.

Rabbi Cohen once told a friend: "There is no such thing as Jewish mumps, Catholic measles, or Protestant pneumonia."—*WALTER WINCHELL*, syndicated col.

RESULTS—23

He's not the best carpenter that makes the most chips. — *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

SPEECH—Speaking—24

During the early days of his premiership in the Union of S Africa, Gen'l Smuts planned to make a speech to the parliament. He called his sec'y and said, "Go to the library and get me some statistical data to illustrate some of the points I want to make."

The sec'y came back 7 hrs later and said, "Gen'l, there is no man alive could get that information in less than 5 yrs!"

The next day the gen'l got up and made an eloquent speech. He drove home every point with a multiplicity of statistical detail. Everyone was enormously impressed but no one so much as his sec'y. When the gen'l retired to his office the sec'y said: "Where did you get all those wonderful statistics?"

And Gen'l Smuts said, "Well, you told me no man alive could compile them in less than 5 yrs. So, I made a few rough estimates and I figured it would take at least that

long for anyone to check up on me!"—*MERRYLE STANLEY RUBEYER*, economist and journalist, speaking before convention of the American Warehousemen's Ass'n, Cleveland, Ohio.

Education Is A Lot Of Things

The day after the circus came to town, a teacher of the 1st grade rec'd the following excuse for the absence of one of her pupils:

"Dear Teacher: Education, you know, is a lot of things. It is reading and writing and ciphering. It is 'Yes, please' and 'Yes, thanks' and 'No, thank you.' It is the washing of hands and the use of forks. It is pencils and scissors and paste and erasers and chalk dust. It is the smell of a schoolroom early Mon morning. It is the excitement of vacations. It is autumn bonfires and sleds and puddle-wading.

"Yes, education is a lot of things. It is a brass band blaring and a calliope tootling. Education is a woman shot from a gun, a man on a tightrope, a seal playing a tune with his nose. It is sideshow barkers, clowns, lions, cotton candy, cowboys and spangles. Education is the wonderment of new things and new sensations. It is, in short, a circus!

"That's why Ginger wasn't in your classroom yesterday. Excuse it, please."—*Our Paper.* 25

SUCCESS—26

The father of Success is named Work. The mother of Success is named Ambition. The oldest son is called Common Sense and some of the boys are called Stability, Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Foresight, Enthusiasm and Co-operation.

The oldest daughter is Character. Some of the sisters are Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Care, Courtesy, Economy, Sincerity and Harmony. The baby is Opportunity.

Get acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along with the rest of the family. —*Royal Neighbor.*

TACT—27

Not long ago in a British crown colony a group of American priests

"Fact and Fancy"

You may have noted in the newspapers a short time ago an item to the effect that Lyricist ALBERT GAMSE and Composer IRVING FIELDS, who collaborated on the hit tune, "Managua, Nicaragua," (Encore Music Publications, Inc), had been awarded Nicaraguan Distinguished Service Medals for their efforts. And well they deserved the awards, for they succeeded in placing that tiny country on America's musical map.

We present an excerpt from the San Francisco Chronicle's "This World" section, 5-4-'47, cleverly comparing the songwriters' fancy against actual facts. Chambers of Commerce will please note!

Managua, Nicaragua, is a beautiful town,

You buy a hacienda for a few pesos down...

Nicaragua's Congress decided a wk ago to continue rent control in Managua for another yr, because of the housing shortage, and Nicaragua's nat'l currency is the cordoba (worth around 20¢). But the song made the "Hit Parade," and put Managua on America's musical map.

Managua, Nicaragua, is a heavenly place...

Built in a bowl among lakes and volcanoes, Managua is only 157 ft above sea level. In 1855, Managua, then a village of 56 shanties and 9 tile-roofed houses, was chosen the nat'l capital only to end bloody rivalry between Nicaragua's larger cities...

Managua, Nicaragua, is a town you'll adore...

In 1931, an earthquake and fire destroyed 30 city blocks and killed 3,000 people, and reconstruction has modernized the city's center. The greatest excitement came 2 mo's ago, when irate citizens heckled Pres Somoza's nat'l guards. Some 15 guardsmen, with steel helmets and bayoneted rifles, chased the hecklers into the plush Gran Hotel. Visiting Americans sank deep into the lobby's stuffed chairs, and the waiters fled. The soldiers eventually left quietly, but no dinner could be served that night because no one could find the waiters.

added a scientific laboratory to the college plant. At the solemn dedication the British officials referred to the new bldg constantly as the laBORatory, with the accent on the 2nd syllable. The American priest accepted the laboratory with the accent on the lab. Then the bishop rose to speak. He was an American, yet he had to keep in the good graces of the British.

"There is no truer truth obtainable

By Man than comes of Music."
—ROBT BROWNING, *Parleyings With Certain People*: Chas Avison.

"Music tells no truths."—PHILIP J BAILEY, *Festus: A Village Feast*.

Managua, Nicaragua, is delightful in spring...

Nicaragua's dry season ends in May, and June is the rainiest mo. From May to Dec more than 100 inches of rain falls, 5 times San Francisco's average.

Every day is made for play and fun,

Cause every day is fiesta.
And they work from 12 o'clock to 1,
Minus an hr for siesta.

Prices in Nicaragua have risen, relatively, almost as much as in the U S. Last mo Managua brewery workers, who put in an 8-hr day, threatened to strike for 50% wage raises.

So take a trip and go on a ship sailing away —

Across the aqua to Managua, Nicaragua. Ole.

Since the war no scheduled passenger service runs from San Francisco to Nicaragua. However, the song, as of last wk, was No 5 on the "Hit Parade."

"There is no doubt," he said, "of the enormous importance of this new lab to education in our island."
—DANIEL A LORD, *Along the Way*.

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The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves.—LOGAN PEARSALE SMITH, *All Trivia*. (Harcourt, Brace)



Live for the Peace

A quarter of a million wooden crosses. That's the price in human lives that America paid for victory in World War II. Russia and England paid an even higher price. The wooden crosses reach far beyond the horizon of our vision.

Those crosses are there because the men who lie beneath them died to cross out war. They endeavored to cross it out with their blood. They crossed out their hopes, ambitions, dreams; they crossed out their personal futures to save the future of the world.

There is much crossing out that the living must do if we are to avoid new wars and new fields of wooden crosses in coming generations. We, the living, must cross out of our hearts, hatred, intolerance, selfishness, prejudice. We must cross out military force as a means of settling disputes. We must cross out narrow viewpoints and replace them with world-wide viewpoints. We must cross out fear and replace it with faith.

The reason men must die in war is because men have failed to live for peace. Small, narrow, bigoted, selfish living leads to more wars and more dying. The price of peace is big, noble, generous, great living. If we had done more living for peace in the past we would have had to do less dying in war. Now the way has been cleared for another chance to live for peace. Living to win the peace is as important today as being willing to die to win the war was important yesterday.

Each white cross marking the grave of a hero is a vote marked on the ballot sheet of earth for lasting peace. That peace for which they died can only be achieved if we live for it now with mighty hearts. — Dodge Transmission, Dodge Mfg Corp'n, Mishawaka, Ind.

A big Chicago dep't store sent 4 copies of *The Snake Pit* to Mary Jane Ward, asking her to autograph them for special customers. She ret'd them, properly inscribed, the same day. Three wks later the adjustment bureau wrote: "Dear Madam: We have rec'd 4 books from you which are being held at this office. We regret that these books are not returnable due to the fact that they have been autographed. We await your further instructions."

Miss Ward says they are in for quite a long wait.—BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*.

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"Ruth," moaned her long-suffering husband, "you promised me you wouldn't buy a new dress. What made you do it?"

"Dear," repl'd the modern Eve, "the devil tempted me."

"Why didn't you say: 'Get thee behind me, Satan?'" the poor man inq'd.

"I did," the little woman repl'd sweetly, "and then he whispered over my shoulder: 'My dear, it fits you just beautifully in the back.'"

—Wall St Jnl.



OF THE WEEK

MATERNITY WARD: The only place in the world where there isn't a chance of dodging the issue.—C M ANDREWS, *Magazine Digest*.

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Burning the candle at both ends makes the drip twice as bad.—T A LALLY, *Bridgeport (Neb) News-Blade*.

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Marriage is a wonderful thing—no family is complete without it.—Liberty.

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PESSIMIST: One who would commit suicide if he could do it without killing himself.—Carbon Copy.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MANGHARAM BHAVANDAS
Hyderabad, India

John Clerk, one of the most pugnacious of lawyers, once had a brush with the House of Lords. It seems that he preserved the old-fashioned "enow," whereas his younger brethren said "enough" (enuff). Retaining this old usage while presenting his argument, he was interrupted by the Lord Chancellor saying, "Mr Clerk, in England we sound the 'ough' as 'uff,' 'enuff,' not 'enow.'"

"Very well, my lord," cont'd the very self-possessed advocate. "Of this we have had enuff; and I now proceed to the subdivision of the land in dispute. It was apportioned into what in England would be pluffland, a pluffland being as much land as a pluffman can pluff in a day."

The Lord Chancellor could not withstand the apt riposte, burst into laughter saying, "Proceed, Mr Clerk, I know enow of Scotch to understand your argument."—*Rotarian*.

A minister was to conduct the funeral of the town wastrel whose life had been such that not even a great deal of good could be said of him. Even his widow understood that. Nevertheless, the pastor wanted to say something on the complimentary side if he could, and it occurred to him to scan the floral wreaths with their cards of sympathy.

The man had been a volunteer fire fighter and the hook-and-ladder boys had sent a beautiful floral piece. "This ought to have something if any does," the preacher thought.

He was sadly disillusioned. Worked neatly into the design in red roses was this statement: "Gone to his last fire."—*KVP Philosopher*.

Mrs Sam'l Untermeyer, wife of the prominent N Y lawyer, made a trip abroad. She was entranced by a Turkish rug she saw in Paris and cabled her husband for his acquiescence in buying it. He cabled back, "No price too high." She joyously ret'd home with the rug only to be greeted with reproofs from her husband. "But your cable told me to go ahead," she remonstrated, as she produced the dispatch. "I understand now," Mr Untermeyer wailed. "They left out the period after the 'No.' What he had intended to cable was: 'No. Price too high.'—*Kansas City Star*.

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The young man finally redeemed his best suit of clothes, brought them home from the pawnshop in a suitcase. While he was busy in his room, his mother, in the parlor, started to unpack the suitcase. She found the pawn ticket on the coat and called: "John, what is this tag on your coat?" John lost very little time in calling back, "Oh, I was at a dance last night, mother, and checked my coat." A moment later mother came across the trousers, tagged in the same way. With a puzzled tone she asked, "John, what kind of a dance was that?"—*Trumbull Cheer*.

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During the Sunday sermon, a baby began to cry at the top of its voice, and its mother carried it toward the door. "Stop!" said the minister. "Your baby is not disturbing me." The mother turned toward the pulpit and addressed the preacher: "Oh, he isn't, isn't he? Well, you're disturbing him."—*Westerner*.

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A woman ret'd a smart pair of shoes to the exclusive shop where she had purchased them. "They won't do," she announced. "I simply can't walk in them."

"Madam," the clerk repl'd, looking down his nose, "people who have to walk don't shop here."—*The Woman*.

